

WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Monday, April 1, 2024

INC. VILLAGE OF FARMINGDALE

The Work Session of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Farmingdale was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 1, 2024.

Present: Mayor Ralph Ekstrand
Deputy Mayor William Barrett
Trustee Cheryl Parisi
Trustee Walter Priestley
Trustee Craig Rosasco
Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer Brian Harty
Deputy Clerk Daniel Ruckdeschel
Village Attorney Claudio DeBellis
Superintendent of Buildings Stephen Fellman

The following topics were discussed:

- Tonight's public hearings/hearings to be scheduled
- Linwood Avenue: Ongoing.
- Fire Department
- Building Department:
 - Blue and Gold Development at 1 Conklin Street is now under construction.
 - 7-11 and Sunoco – the ZBA has approved the plans and the Board approved the Special Use Permit, awaiting construction drawings in order to issue building permit.
 - Both Sterling Green and Robby Lee/Carlyle projects are proceeding. Sterling Green is 85% complete and Carlyle is 85% complete. No issues with either project.
 - Dish Network application has been sent to Dick Comi for review. D&B is coordinating all related issues with Mr. Comi on revised plans. Anticipate building permit by mid-April with installation by June 1 per Dick Comi and D&B.
 - Waiting for Verizon submission of an application to install communication equipment on the clock tower at Palmer's Shopping Center.
 - Lotus Garden should be ready to open as soon.
 - Proposed 2 lot sub-division on Staples Street - application completed and is now going to the Planning Board with plans for new homes.

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- Enterprise Rent-A-Car has submitted an application and will be going to the Board for a Special Use Permit for rental location at the corner of Route 109 and Route 24.
- Valance across from law office: in discussion with property owner for proposed changes, owner is discussing with contractor, awaiting response from property owner.
- CVS lot letter to manage/ticket lot – need local law to be completed and sent to NYS.
- Fading signage on parking lots, Scott has been contacted and will review.
- Zuzu nearing completion.
- Discussed waste stream with the ownership of the Nutty Irishman and 317 – very high estimate for new dumpster, need to discuss options.
- The Villager – status on rear enclosure, no application to date.
- National Grid grant for street trees and planter boxes – follow up with Laura Coletti on status of purchase of planter boxes and trees.
- Status of adding handicapped spaces to Parking Lot 1.
- D&B has contract to identify ownership of pipe infrastructure connecting to catch basins.
- 174 Staples Street apartment has been removed.
- Toretta Estates has submitted requests for three building permits to complete the subdivision.
- Highway Department:
 - Lot maintenance and routine maintenance of Main St.
 - Routine garbage pickup in parks and dog stations
 - Main St. pole for FD traffic light delivered. Foundations need to be poured and set for 28 days.
 - Magniflood quote for electric GFI type fixture \$325/\$350 per fixture for holiday decorations in parking lots.
 - A tree on Prospect St. across from Doud St. needs to be evaluated for possible removal – removal on hold.

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- Received plan for new DPW pocket park, approved by the Board. The gazebo is in and stored at the vendor's facility. Work is in review and will start on or about April 2.
- Village Green Gazebo brick wall needs repointing (Spring 2024).
- The Board requested that the new landscaper weed and mulch certain locations, and that deep root fertilizing for all parking lot trees and trimming of dead branches in all parking lots be accomplished in the spring of 2024.
- Need to evaluate lighting at the Melville Road/Secatogue Avenue intersection.
- Mayor Ekstrand contacted National Grid regarding tree grant for Main Street. Need to contact National Grid regarding status, anticipated grant will be between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
- Rte. 109 – add no parking signs by Hearthstone, signs ordered.
- Plan for 8 - 15 minute parking spaces on Main Street and no parking on the east side after 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday except for pick-up and drop-off, Uber, Lyft and Taxi use.
- Rehabilitate all trash cans on Main Street and outer areas.
- LIRR trestle painting completed.
- Move HVAC thermostat and remove electrical outlets & prep for painting (fill in with sheetrock/spackle/tape) on south wall in the courtroom as directed.
- From Ken Tortoso – DPW weekly work assignments:
- Crews have been out power washing in the downtown area.
- Heads Up Sprinklers have been in getting the Village drip systems up and ready for the upcoming season.
- Crews cleaned out the pocket park waterfalls and are getting it ready.
- Crews have been cleaning up the Ridge Road yard and the Yoakum Street entrance.
- Crews have been cleaning and installing new stop signs.
- Town of Oyster Bay was in to repair a parking meter that was hit and knocked over by Lot #2, also told them to look at the streetlight in front of the Carman's law office on Main Street – the streetlight and shamrock keeps

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popping a fuse for some unknown reason, maybe a short in the line somewhere.

- Water Department:
 - Training on pumping system in water tower base.
 - Well 1-3 is out of service as well pulled to add a stage to the pump and evaluate condition.
 - AOP installation by Philip Ross is complete to the testing stage in order to meet health department requirements along with the SCADA system.
 - New steel building to cover the GAC tanks at Well 1-3 is on site, awaiting final foundation plans. Piping is being rearranged to accommodate new steel building.
 - \$3,000,000 has been awarded to the Village in Gov. Hochul's budget for Improvements WIIA grant. This funding will be applied for in the near term, Deputy Clerk Ruckdeschel to follow up. \$4,624,000 in funding has been committed for Phase 2 project at Ridge Road from the New York State WIIA grant for the new GAC installation. PWGC handled the application and narrative for this grant.
 - Plant 2 construction underway with GAC building nearing completion. Pipe installation to connect into the system with cut ins to main trunk lines to be done as arranged by PRI when Well 1-3 is fully operational and with peak pumping season coming this task will be done when peak season is over (agreed to with PRI).
 - PWGC following up on required testing to secure funding from legal settlements and potential federal and county funding.
 - Bans have been sold to pay for Water Department upgrades.
 - Discussed status of various projects with updates coming from PRI on all aspects.
 - Discussions underway with South Farmingdale Water District Inter-Municipal agreement for certain management and operational services.
 - A grant of \$9.6 million has been applied for through Senator Chuck Schumer of offset capital cost of treatment systems.
 - A grant of \$1 million has been committed through County Legislator John Ferretti to offset costs of the new water treatment systems.

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- From John Falbo:
- Valve location planning for future shut down to Ridge Road AOP work.
- Lead and copper survey is ongoing.
- 1 Conklin St. project – 2 inch domestic service tapped successfully, 4 inch fire service was installed.
- Chemical pump work... we are rebuilding older pumps. We have new ones on order.
- AOP work... Brian Harty is informed every day, thanks Brian!
- Meetings with South Farmingdale to review daily & weekly AOP movement and to ensure a smooth transition into shared daily routines.
- Code Department:
 - Working on signage for lots with court and admin office
 - New prototype signage has been installed for clarity of metered parking and free parking times.
- Make Uber parking/pickup on Main St. after 10:00 p.m. for implementation spring/summer 2024, after pole removal project is completed. All signage and brackets are being ordered for Main Street.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian P. Harty, Village Clerk-Treasurer